



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

May 2005

Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker, and Scott Croswell

A Final Salute to Our Veterans



As Memorial Day, May 30, 2005, draws near, the Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission is

working to ensure that the grave of every local veteran is designated with a flag marker, denoting the conflict in which the individual served.

"There are a number of benefits that are available to deceased veterans and their families," says Mark Coyle, director of the Clermont County Veterans' Service Office. "In addition to the flag markers, honorably discharged veterans are eligible for free headstones, free burial at a national cemetery (there is one in Springfield, Ohio), a burial flag, presidential memorial certificate, and, in some cases, monetary benefits."

Coyle says that a full military funeral is also available at no cost to the veterans' family. The Southwest Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter can dispense a memorial team to fold the flag that covers the

casket and provide a gun salute. He adds that under recently passed legislation, local reserve units will also send out active duty members to play taps and fold the flag.

"It is important for families of veterans to obtain a copy of their loved one's discharge papers to obtain these burial benefits," Coyle continues. "The discharge forms are called DD214 papers and will help us make sure the families receive the benefits to which they are entitled."

If there are any questions about how to obtain any of the above burial benefits, please call the Clermont County Veterans' Service Office at (513) 732-7363.



Mark Coyle and Frank Morrow, members of the Clermont County Veterans' Service Office, place a flag marker on a veteran's grave in the Stonelick Township Cemetery.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's military service. It will be marked with parades and gravesite observances across the country, on Monday, May 30, 2005.



Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.



Clermont Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, naturalist

Wildflower Walk - Sycamore Park

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Sycamore Park is alive with color each spring. Join the naturalist for a guided walk along the paved walking trail. Meet at the information kiosk.



Kid's Fishing Derby - Pattison Park

Saturday May 7, 11a.m.- 2 p.m.



Kids 15 and under are invited to participate in the annual "free" fishing derby at Pattison Park. Bring your kids and have them test their luck in the waters of the Pattison Park pond. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, and given to the winners in each age group. Sponsored by the East Fork Bass Anglers.

Migratory Bird Day Hike - Crooked Run Preserve

Sunday May 8, 9:00 a.m.

May is a wonderful time to go birdwatching, and Crooked Run Nature Preserve is a great place to visit. Listed as one of Ohio's top "watchable wildlife" areas, Crooked Run provides a rest stop for many migrating birds on their long journey to their breeding grounds. Bring your binoculars if you have them, if not we will have several pairs for your use. Meet at the Nature Preserve Parking Lot.

Friday the 13th Moon Madness Hike - Pattison Park

Friday May 13th, 8:00 p.m.

Don't be superstitious. Join the park naturalist for a close look at our moon. A spotting scope will be set up for viewing. Afterward there will be a hike under the moonlit sky. Meet at the picnic shelter.



Statewide Health and Fitness Walk - Sycamore Park

Thursday, May 19, 12:00 p.m.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Physical Fitness is calling on Ohioans to collectively walk a million miles on this day, across the state. The Park District is offering a walk at Sycamore Park. Join us for a mile long walk on your lunch, and take a step toward getting healthy.

Wondrous Wetland Expedition

Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why wetlands are important and what lives in them? On this expedition we'll visit the wetland, with nets, in search of clues. Waterproof boots are recommended. Meet at the nature preserve parking lot.



Scenes from the Grassy Run Rendezvous

Is that really a coyote on your hat? Yes!

Finney Runs in Heart Mini Marathon

On April 3, 2005, Mike Finney, chief magistrate of Clermont County Domestic Relations Court, joined nearly 3,000 other runners



in the Humana Heart Mini Marathon The mini marathon is a 15 kilometer race along Columbia Parkway, from Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati to Delta Avenue and back, with a 100 yard detour up the Torrence Avenue hill. Proceeds of the event go to fund research on combating heart disease.

This was the second time Finney had competed in the race. While finishing well behind the leaders in the 50-55 age group, Finney did manage to beat his 2004 time.

"It was a beautiful day, and a great opportunity to participate in a worthwhile cause," Finney said after the race.



May Commissioner Sessions

Tuesday, May 3	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 31	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

Homeland Security Expo

Wednesday, July 27
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Owensville Fairgrounds

Clermont Library Events

Flowers for Mom

Saturday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.

Felicity Branch

Children can create a special Mother's Day gift.

Call 876-4134.



American Girls Mother-Daughter Tea Party

Saturday, May 7,

11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Milford-Miami Twp. Branch

Celebrate Mother's Day with stories, snacks and crafts. Call 248-0700.

Laptime Stories

Tuesdays in May, 11:00 a.m.

Milford-Miami Twp. Branch

Parents with babies up to 18-months-old are invited to this event featuring stories, songs, and games. Please call 248-0700.

Plant Exchange

Throughout May

New Richmond Branch

Bring a labeled plant or cutting in a pot to exchange. For information, call 553-0570.

Teen Anime Club

Saturday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.

Union Twp. Branch

Review the latest titles. Call 528-1744.

Chess Club

Thursdays in May, 8:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Branch



Bring your board- learn, teach others to play, have fun! Call 724-1070.

Building Safety Week

During the week of May 8-14, the Clermont County Building Inspection Department will be part of the worldwide celebration of **Building Safety Week**. This event is designed to raise public awareness of building safety in promoting the use, enforcement, and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes.

Code enforcement is critical in protecting lives and property. This year's theme is "Making Homes, Schools, and Workplaces Safer Together."



The Clermont Building Inspection Department will be at the following locations to help promote **Building Safety Week** and answer any questions about our department:

May 10, 2005 - 9:00 a.m. until noon - **Home Depot**
520 SR 125, Cincinnati, OH

May 11, 2005 - 9:00 a.m. until noon - **Lowe's**
5694 Romar Dr., Milford, OH

May 12, 2005 - 9:00 a.m. until noon - **Kibler Lumber**
4663 Tri-County Highway, Mt. Orab, OH

For additional information, contact Clermont County Permit Central at (513) 732-7213.

Have Room for Us?



Clermont Animal Shelter
732 - 8854

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